

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on June 6, 2003 was objected to for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), which requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office. However, the references cited within the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) listed on the IDS were cited in the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) submitted on October 30, 2001, together with Applicants filing of this U.S. application, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371. Thus, it is understood that the International Bureau has sent a copy of each of the cited references to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Designated/Elected Office. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner inform the Applicant if the references were not received from the International Bureau.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant respectfully submits herewith replacement Figures 17-20 which include the desired changes and which comply with § 608.02(g). The changes made to Figures 17-20 are explained in the accompanying remarks section below.